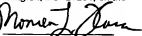


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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation application of Application Serial No. 09/834,979 filed on April 13, 2001 (now pending), which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/172,819, filed October 15, 1998, which is currently pending. The contents of Application Serial No. 09/834,979 and Application Serial No. 09/172,819 are incorporated herein by reference.